

CLAIMS AMENDMENT

Claim 1 (Currently amended). A purified polynucleotide, wherein said polynucleotide consists of a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 4 and the complete complements thereof.

Claim 2 (Original). The purified polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein said polynucleotide is produced by recombinant techniques.

Claim 3 (Original). The purified polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein said polynucleotide is produced by synthetic techniques.

Claim 4 (Previously presented). The purified polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein said polynucleotide comprises a sequence encoding at least one epitope.

Claims 5-9 (Canceled).